

The merchant who loses heart in times of business disturbances is the merchant who falls behind in the march of progress. The one who "keeps everlastingly at it" is the one who wins. Don't be a quitter!

CHILDREN STARVE IN CITY OF BERLIN

**Many Thousand Little Ones
Forced to School Without
Breakfast or Dinner.**

INDUSTRIAL INACTIVITY CAUSE OF SITUATION

Municipal Council Faces Grave Problem to Sustain Life of the Pupils.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The municipality is face to face with a very serious problem in connection with the supply of food to thousands of virtually starving children who attend the primary schools, in consequence of the industrial inactivity. Hitherto the children's canteen society has been able to cope with the task in a satisfactory way by means of subscriptions from private sources, but the call on its funds are this year so great that it will be unable to support many of the children.

In the first week of December, according to official statistics from 2,285 out of 28,850 children were supplied with the 1,1947 children attended school, most cases without breakfast, and all cases without the prospect of obtaining a midday meal at home. The record is a very simple daily tally from the fourteen canteens belonging to the above mentioned society; the other 7449 are at present totally unsupported.

The question of the city's responsibility for the children has now been raised by the Socialists in the municipal council, who propose that the council should in future undertake the task. The society will be able this winter to dispose of the sum of \$8421.50, a sum which will all be taken up by the

The council is to be asked to vote \$30,000 to make up the amount

quired and place it at the disposal of the society for administration. The course is suggested in order to obviate the loss of civic rights entailed by children's parents, should their offspring be directly fed by the authorities. Parents who do not send their children to school are fined, unless they can give

medical authority for keeping at home. Therefore, poor parents send children to school even though food is scarce and children are miserably clad.

PHILADELPHIA PREPARES

FOR STREET CAR STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The International street car union today voted to give its executive board of the national body authority to call a strike unless the street car companies give consideration to the request for arbitration on wages and working conditions.

The rapid transit company officials have

More than seventy-five policemen were put on guard in every street car barn in the city last night, and the entire force of the city's police will be called to the Department, together with the police, case of trouble.

The original strike resolution of the union calls for a rapid transit company forty-eight hours in which to treat with their representatives before the strike is voted in. The union committee says that part of time will not exist until tomorrow.

ALLEGED MURDERER TELLS A WILD STORY

CAMERON, Mo., Dec. 22.—Albert Filley, who shot his jail here charged with killing his wife, daughter and brother, and perhaps fatally injuring his sister-in-law at the family home in a drunken vendetta yesterday, today made a statement, in which he charges his brother, Henry Clay Filley, and the latter with killing Mrs. Albert Filley and her daughter.

Filley was absent from the house for a half hour his brother and sister-in-law killed his wife and daughter. When he entered the house, he saw his brother and sister-in-law in a drunken state, and shot his brother in self-defense. He said he

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—Today was the most pleasant Sunday Cleveland has known in a year or more. School children were closed and the thickets dark. Police were no excitement and the population was peacefully doing the shopping. The officers do not believe any.

Two persons were arrested for intoxication.

The police explain the sudden absence of the law as a possible reaction on the part of the sailors to a demonstration against the British, which they sympathized with. The Sunday observance movement in other cities.

Two Perish in Big Fire.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 22.—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed the city office building, a two-story American building, and two other structures. Loss, \$175,000.

Two men, one named Kavanagh, who slept in the Haggin hotel, are missing, and are believed to have perished.

Shah Makes Promises.

TEHRAN, Dec. 22.—The Shah received an audience from the British and Russian Embassadors. He solemnly asserted that he did not intend to overthrow the constitutional regime, but would strive to work in co-operation with parliament.